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In re Application of: ANDERSON, et al. )  
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 ) US Patent No. 5,913,670 )  
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Filed: HEREWITH ) Examiner for Parent Application: Rowan, K.

For: BREAKAWAY LINKS FOR  
UNDERWATER GEAR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 § CFR 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Copies of the documents listed are attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they have been considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form and returning a copy of the notated form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before expiration of the three-month period following filing of the above-captioned reissue application and prior to issuance of a first official action on the merits.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the present application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be

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applied against the claims of the present application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of the present reissue application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925 and please consider this a petition.

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